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TO: Council Chair Ron Menor

FROM: Councilmember Trevor Ozawa 

RE: Request for a Special Zoning and Housing Committee and Council Meeting for Bill 94 (2017) and Bill 110 (2017) to Address the Increase of Large Residential Houses Applications Received by the Department of Planning and Permitting

According to the recent January 2, 2018 Star Advertiser article, "*Permit applications for 'monster' homes on the rise,*" the number of permits for large detached dwellings has increased since the City Council started its deliberation on Resolution 17-198 and 17-276, CD1.

Our colleagues have introduced measures that would create a moratorium on the acceptance or approval of building permits applications for large detached dwellings. I feel the City Council must act quickly and expeditiously to adopt legislation that would slow down the approval process and provide time to work on ordinances to address large residential structures that are changing the character of our neighborhoods.

Many of us have expressed concerns on the proliferation of building permit applications that would occur as the Department of Planning and Permitting and Planning Commission review Resolution 17-276, CD1. Unfortunately, the increase in building permit applications for large detached dwellings has occurred and I am afraid will continue to until a moratorium is passed.

I respectfully request that the Committee on Zoning and Housing Committee schedule a special committee meeting to discuss the bills relating to establishing a moratorium and the City Council schedules a meeting for a moratorium bill for Second Reading/Public Hearing. This expedited schedule will allow the Council and its Committee to adopt a moratorium bill for final reading at its January 31st Council meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns and to request City Council's swift action. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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